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| Applicants | William Alfond, <i>et al.</i> |
| Serial No. 09/991,101 | Filing Date: November 21, 2001 |
| Title of Application: | IMPROVED REMOVABLE HEEL |
| Confirmation No. 5726 | Group Art Unit: 3728 |
| Examiner | Ted Kavanaugh |

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Response to Notice

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby enclose for filing in response to the Notice Regarding Power of Attorney dated March 25, 2003 (copy enclosed), a copy of the Assignment which is being filed concurrently herewith.

Applicants submit its Revocation and New Power of Attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attorneys for Applicants
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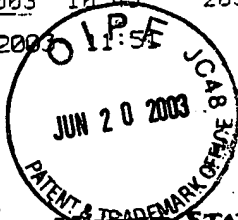
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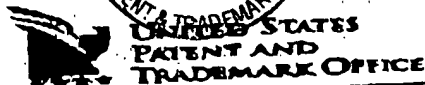
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NOTICE REGARDING POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 03/03/2003. The Power of Attorney in this application is not accepted for the reason(s) listed below:

- The Power of Attorney is from an assignee and the Certificate required by 37 CFR 3.78(b) has not been received.

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| Applicant | Columbia Insurance Company |
| Serial No. SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE A | Filing Date: SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE A |
| Title of Application: | SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE A |

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Revocation and New Power Of Attorney

Dear Sir:

Applicant, Columbia Insurance Company, a corporation of Nebraska, having its principal place of business at 3024 Harney Street; Omaha, NE 68131 hereby revokes all previous powers of attorney and appoints the following attorneys to prosecute these patent applications and transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, receive all communications from the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and to receive the Letters Patents in connection herewith:

Gene S. Winter, Registration No. 28,352
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To the best of my knowledge, Columbia Insurance Company is the assignee of record of the patent applications identified above.

Columbia Insurance Company

April 11, 2003
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Patent Assignment Recordation Form Cover Sheet

Dear Sir:

Please record the attached original document.

1. Name of conveying parties. William Alfond and Charles H. Lewia.
2. Name and Address of Receiving Party. Columbia Insurance Company; 3024 Harney Street; Omaha, NE 68131.
3. Nature of Conveyance: Assignment. Execution Date: November 8, 2001.
4. Name and Address of Party to Whom Correspondence Concerning Document should be mailed.

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5. Application Number: Application Serial No. 09/991,101 filed November 21, 2001.
6. Total Number of Applications Involved: 1.
7. Total Fee (37 CFR 3.41). \$40.00 due. A check for this amount is enclosed.
8. Authorization to Charge Deposit Account. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due by this paper and during the entire pendency of this Application to Account No. 19-4516.
9. Statement and Signature. Total number of pages including cover sheet, attachments and document are 4. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any copy submitted herewith is a true copy of the original document.

Respectfully submitted,



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ASSIGNMENT

For valuable consideration, we, WILLIAM ALFOND of 14 Otis Place, Boston, MA 02108, and CHARLES H. LEWIA of 10 Bush Street, Skowhegan, ME 04976, hereby assign to Columbia Insurance Company, a Nebraska corporation having a place of business at 4016 Farnam Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68131, United States of America; and its successors and assigns (collectively hereinafter called "the Assignee"), the entire right, title and interest throughout the world in the inventions and improvements which are subject of an application for United States Patent signed by us, entitled HORSESHOE-SHAPE BOWLING SHOE HEEL, filed 11/21/01, and assigned U.S. Serial Number 9/991,101, and we authorize and request the attorneys appointed in said application to hereafter complete this assignment by inserting above the filing date and serial number of said application when known; this assignment including said application, any and all United States and foreign patents, utility models, and design registrations granted for any of said inventions or improvements, and the right to claim priority based on the filing date of said application under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the European Patent Convention, and all other treaties of like purposes; and we authorize the Assignee to apply in all countries in our name or in its own name for patents, utility models, design registrations and like rights of exclusion and for inventors' certificates for said inventions and improvements; and we agree for ourselves and our respective heirs, legal representatives and assigns, without further compensation to perform such lawful acts and to sign such further applications, assignments, Preliminary Statements and other lawful documents as the Assignee may reasonably request to effectuate fully this assignment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and seal at DEXTER, MAINE
this 8th day of NOVEMBER, 2001

William Alfond L.S.
WILLIAM ALFOND

State of MAINE :

: ss.

County of PENOBSCOT :

Before me this 8th day of NOVEMBER, 2001, personally
appeared WILLIAM ALFOND known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the
foregoing Assignment and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed for
the purposes therein contained.

[Signature]
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and seal at DEXTER, MAINE
this 8th day of NOVEMBER, 2001
Charles H. Lewia L.S.
CHARLES H. LEWIA

State of MAINE :
: ss.
County of PENOBSCOT :

Before me this 8th day of NOVEMBER, 2001, personally
appeared CHARLES H. LEWIA known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the
foregoing Assignment and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed for
the purposes therein contained.

Ann B. Emory
Notary Public

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